

# MINUTES

## 2020.12. 17. MINUTES OF AAC GOVERNING BODY MEETING – LII

### **01. Preliminaries**

The Governing Body Meeting (Online Mode) of Arul Anandar College – LII took place at 10.30 a.m. on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020, (Thursday). **Rev. Dr.John Pragasam SJ**, Vice-President, presided over the meeting. **Dr. A. Shanmugaraju**, the Dean for Academic Affairs, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

### **02. Invocation**

**Rev. Dr.John Pragasam SJ**, Vice-President, AAC, invoked God's blessings by recollecting the presence of the Lord, to guide and lead throughout the discussion. He profoundly thanked God for bringing everyone together and to deliberate on the future steps in the pandemic situation.

### **03. Welcome**

Rev. Fr Godwin Rufus, SJ, Secretary–GB and as new Principal, with pleasure welcomed **Rev. Dr. Danis Ponniah SJ**, Provincial, **Shri Prakash Singh**, UGC Nominee, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi, **Dr. (Thiru) Ponmuthuramalingam**, TN Govt. Nominee, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Madurai Region, Madurai, **Dr.M.Lellis Thivagar**, University Nominee, Professor & Head, Dept. of Mathematics, School of Mathematics, MKU, Madurai, **Rev.Dr.D.Thomas Alexander**, SJ, Co-ordinator, Jesuit Higher Education, Madurai Province, Principal, St.Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai **Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj**, Former Vice Chancellor, Professor of English & Dean, School of English & Foreign Languages, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed to be University, Gandhigram, **Dr.Christiana Singh**, Principal Lady Doak College, Madurai, **Rtn.R.V.N.Kannan**, Managing Director, Madurai Radha Travels, Madurai, **Mr.A.Joseb Raj**, Chairman & Managing Director, Oceanaa Group of Companies, Chennai, **Mr.R.Arivu Selvam**, Managing Director, Trillom Bionetsoft India Pvt Ltd., Madurai, **Mr.S.Anand**, Jeyam Builders, Trichy, **Mr.M.Joseph Rethinasamy**, Managing Director, Hotel Germanus, Madurai, **Mr.K.Balasubramanian**, General Manager – Corporate HR, SEFORGE LIMITED, Coimbatore and welcomed all the members to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Governing Body Meeting. He thanked the outgoing members **Prof.K.R.Iqbal Ahamed**

UGC Nominee, Director of Distance Education, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, **Dr.R.Baskaran, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.**, Govt. Nominee, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Madurai Region, Madurai – 625 002, **Mr.P.Pandidurai** , GB Nominee, Proprietor, Sivasakthi Garments, Tirupur – 641 606.

***04. Apology for Absence, if any***

Barring those whose names are given in italics, all the following are present:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Member</b>	<b>Office / Department</b>
1.	Rev. Dr Danis Ponniah SJ Provincial Jesuit Madurai Province Dindigul.	President
2.	Rev. Dr John Pragasam SJ Rector Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Vice-President
3.	Rev. Dr Godwin Rufus SJ Principal Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Secretary
4.	Rev. Dr Gilbert Camillus V SJ, Secretary Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	College Secretary
5.	Rev. Bro. Joseph M SJ Treasurer Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Treasurer
6.	Prof. Shri Prakash Singh Department of Political Science University of Delhi, Delhi	UGC Nominee
7.	Dr. (Thiru) Ponmuthuramalingam Joint Director of Collegiate Education Madurai Region, Madurai.	TN Govt. Nominee
8.	Dr Lellis Thivagar M Professor & Head School of Mathematics Madurai Kamaraj University Madurai-625021.	MKU Nominee
9.	Rev. Dr D Thomas Alexander SJ Coordinator Jesuit Higher Education, Madurai Province.	Member

10.	Dr Christiana Singh Principal Lady Doak College Madurai.	Member
11.	Rtn.R.V.N.Kannan Managing Director Madurai Radha Travels Madurai.	Member
12.	Mr A Joseb Raj Chairman & Managing Director Oceanaa Groups of Companies 53, Ethiraj Salai, Egmore Chennai-600 008.	Member
13.	<i>Mr.R.Arivuselvam</i> Managing Director Trillom Bionetsoft India Pvt Ltd Madurai.	Member
14.	Mr.S.Anand Jeyam Builders No.1-AJeyam's Raj Cresent 22/5 Ramachandrapuram (11 <sup>th</sup> Cross East – Thillai Nagar) Thennur, Trichy – 620017.	Member
15.	Mr.M.Joseph Rethinasamy Managing Director Hotel Germanus Madurai.	Member
16.	Mr.K.Balasubramanian General Manager – Corporate HR SEFORGE LIMITED Plot No.1, Aspen Engineering SEZ, Annur Road Karumathampatti, Coimbatore – 641 659.	Member
17.	Dr Sundararaj A Deputy Principal Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Member
18.	Rev. Dr Anbarasu M SJ Vice Principal Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Member
19.	Dr Duraisingam A Vice-Principal Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Member

20.	Dr Shanmugaraju A Dean-Academic Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Member
21.	Dr Ambudoss Arvind Dean-Research Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Member
22.	Dr Gurusamy G Dean-Students Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Member
23.	Dr Arul Prasad S Controller of Examinations Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Member
24.	Dr Antony Singh Dhas D Coordinator- IQAC Arul Anandar College Karumathur.	Member

Rev. Dr Danis Ponniah, SJ, the Provincial of Jesuit Madurai Province and President of the GB presided over the meeting.

#### **05. Introductory Remarks & Blessings**

Rev. Dr Danis Ponniah, SJ, President in his introductory remarks put forth that it is important to understand the present context globally, politically, socially. The youth of our country determine the destiny of our country. Several issues like COVID-19, media influence, New Education Policy, Environmental Bill and Gender divisions play a major role in the society. Hence we have to inculcate critical thinking to our students in order to motivate them to become responsible citizens.

The negative impact exposed by COVID-19, such as vulnerabilities, marginalization, uncertainty, should be considered as positive aspects. This philanthropy helps us to propel and not to paralyze. He appraised that is engaged in neighborhood philanthropy, environment equity and justice.

#### **06. Nominating new members to GB & AC**

Rev.Fr.Rector presented the list of new members of the Governing Body and Academic Council. He also thanked the outgoing members.

### **07. Passing of the Minutes of Previous GB Meeting.**

Rev. Fr Godwin Rufus, SJ, Principal & Secretary–GB presented the minutes of the previous GB meeting. Rev.Fr. Rector pointed out a typographical error in the word ‘fundamentalism’ in the minutes. The minutes were passed without any amendments.

### **08. Changes in Administration, New Appointments, Promotions and Retirements**

Rev.Dr.V.Gilburt Camillus, SJ Secretary, presented the changes in administration, new appointments, promotions and retirements.

### **09. Development of infrastructure**

Rev.Dr.V.Gilburt Camillus, SJ Secretary, presented the Development of infrastructure.

### **10. College Admission 2020-21 (Shift I)**

Dr.A.Duraisingam, Vice Principal (Shift I) presented the College Admission Process of Shift I (2020-21).

### **11. Scholarship**

Dr.A.Duraisingam, Vice Principal (Shift I) presented the Scholarships provided by the Government and Management.

### **12. College Admission 2020-21 (Shift II)**

Dr.A.Sundararaj, Deputy Principal, presented the College Admission Process of Shift II (2020-21).

Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj, Professor of English, & Dean, pointed out that the online admissions were good. He insisted that the profile of the differently abled students could be included. He enquired about Co-education process in M.A. Philosophy.

Fr.Principal expressed that the doors of Philosophy were open to women students.

Prof.Shri. Prakash Singh, UGC Nominee insisted not to classify the religion with the community of the students.

Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj pointed out that the Demand Ratio was not good in PG. He urged to constitute a committee and to look into it. He questioned the minimum strength of students in PG Economics while there are more than 50 students in UG Programme.

Rev. Dr Danis Ponniah, SJ, Provincial wanted a clarification on Application received/Selected/Admitted.

Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj wanted to know whether a PG programme in Physical Education could be started. (Dr.M.Lellis Thivagar said that B.P.ED/M.P.Ed comes under Physical Education University and that was the qualification required for appointment in Schools/Colleges/Universities)

### **13. MOUs signed**

Dr.A.Sundararaj, Deputy Principal, presented the MOUs signed.

Dr.M.Lellis Thivagar, Prof. & Head, MKU enquired about the output and status of the MoUs signed.

Dr.A.Sundararaj mentioned that this year only few MoU were signed by BBA.

Mr.K.Balasubramanian, General Manager – Corporate HR, SEFORGE LIMITED pointed out that Alumni contribution was important and he proposed that he was ready for a tie up for the internship for students.

### **14. Examination Results**

Dr.S.Arul Prasad, Controller of Examinations presented the Results of November 2019 and April 2020.

Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj, GB Nominee pointed out that the III year results show similar trend in all institutions. Since most of the students come from the regional medium, the results in the I year are less and it improves later as they move to the next year.

### **15. Publications and NIRF**

Dr.D.Antony Singh Dass, Co-ordinator, IQAC presented the list of publications of Staff and NIRF data. He mentioned that 65% of the publication was received from the departments of Mathematics and Physics and other departments contributed the rest. He also pointed out that staff publication in UGC Care Journals was good.

Dr.M.Lellis Thivagar enquired about the H index of the institution.

Prof. Shri Prakash Singh, UGC Nominee differentiated between UGC Care and UGC refereed journals.

### **16. Recommendations of the Planning & Evaluation Committee**

Dr.A.Shanmugaraju, Dean-Academic presented the Recommendations of the Planning and Evaluation Committee.

### **17. Recommendations of the Finance Committee, Projects Applied and Grants received**

Dr.Ambudoss Arvind, Dean-Research presented the Recommendations of the Finance Committee, Projects Applied and Grants received.

### **18. Audited Statement of Accounts**

Bro.M.Joseph, Treasurer presented the Audited Statement of Accounts.

Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj questioned whether the college was able to tap funds from the MP/MLA/CSR

Dr.D.Antony Singh Dhas shared that the funds were tapped from Philanthropists and instruments were bought for the Health Centre run by the Alumni Association.

### **19. Any other**

Fr.Principal mentioned that the remedial programmes and Bridge course in English proved to be beneficial for the students.

Rev.Dr.A.Thomas Alexander, SJ Co-ordinator, JHE & Principal, St.Xavier's College of Education insisted that the results of the Department of History, Economics and RDS needed special attention. He urged that the mentoring system play an important role in this place.

Fr.Provincial appreciated that the GB was accommodative and was happy with the way the proceedings were carried out. He urged the Principal to take care of the slow learners and improve the pass percentage in disciplines where it was less. He also agreed with Dr.M.Lellis Thivagar on the issue of Physical Education where we will not be able to start a PG Programme in Physical Education. He again urged the College to improve the skills, especially the Critical Thinking skills of the students. He offered his best wishes for the management.

Dr.A.Joseph Dorairaj expressed that the GB meeting was conducted well and thanked the Management for including him as a member. He further insisted that the cultural activities of the College could be presented in short. Awards and Achievements of Staff and Students could be show cased. The foundation course was highly recommended as it improves the critical thinking skills of the students.

Mr.S. Anand, Jeyam Builders stressed the importance of Alumni. He said that their contribution to the College was very important as they could influence, motivate and contribute to the development of the College.

Mr.M.Joseph Rethinasamy, Managing Director, Germanus Hotel said that the Travel and Tourism Industry was neglected and efforts could be made to include it as a subject in the syllabus. He expressed that it is one of the largest industries which accommodates a large workforce and has great employment opportunities.

Dr.Christiana Singh, Principal, LDC thanked the Management and commended the Department of Human Excellence for organizing virtual seminars. She also urged that LDC and AAC could collaborate on Research Activities. A virtual calendar on research activities could be drawn up.

Rev.Dr.A.Thomas Alexander, SJ expressed that the admission number was good and was in line with the admission policy of the Province. He congratulated the Department of Human Excellence on the Inter Collegiate Seminar. He insisted to have MoUs with Government Agencies and RDS. He also mentioned that activities of IQAC could be presented.

Dr.M.Lellis Thivagar pointed out that there was no presentation on student centric achievements. University Blues and other significant achievements of students could be presented here.

#### **20. Concluding Remarks:**

Rev. Fr. Rector thanked all the participants for contributing in a very positive way. He appraised that the GBM was very interactive and unique. He also pointed out the following:

- GBM in online has its own advantages and disadvantages.
- The inclusion of new members of the Management, new GB members, new AC members in this GB, was pleasing.
- College is preparing for the NAAC visit and Autonomy Grant was not yet received.
- Our college has been equipped with better infrastructure this year.

#### **21. Concluding Prayer**

The meeting came to an end with the concluding prayer by **Rev.Dr.M.Anbarasu, SJ**, Vice Principal (Shift I).

**PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY**